

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A foam producing drink comprising carbon dioxide, a foaming agent and a tea leaf extract wherein the tea leaf extract containing a soluble solid content is obtained by water, water/ethanol or ethanol extraction, and is a foam-holding component, wherein the soluble solid content of the tea leaf extract is included in the drink in an amount of 0.01% to 3% by weight relative to the total volume of the drink, wherein said drink has a foam-holding property and wherein the foam-holding property of the drink includes an ability to hold a foam layer for a longer period as compared with a comparative drink which is identical to the former excepting that the latter does not comprise a tea leaf extract, when the comparison is made by pouring each of the drinks into a measuring-cylinder and periodically observing a total volume of the foam layer and a liquid layer in the cylinder.

Claim 14 (Canceled).

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The drink according to claim 13, wherein the foam-holding property of the drink includes an ability to produce a foam-layer with a higher foam density as compared with a comparative drink which is identical to the former excepting that the latter does not comprise a tea leaf extract, when the comparison is made by pouring each of the drinks into a measuring-cylinder and determining a density of the produced foam.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The drink according to claim 13, wherein the foam-holding property results in a higher sensory test score as compared with a comparative drink

which is identical to the former excepting that the latter does not comprise a tea leaf extract, when the comparison is made by drinking each of the drinks to taste for a fine and pleasant effervescence in the mouth and/or a good texture on the throat.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The drink according to claim 13, which further comprises a hop extract.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The drink according to claim 13, wherein the tea leaves are those of black tea, green tea or oolong tea.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The drink according to claim 13, wherein the drink is stored before being consumed in a closed container having an internal pressure of carbon dioxide ranging from 0.5 to 3.5 kg/cm² at 20°C.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The drink according to claim 13, wherein the carbon dioxide-containing drink does not contain a fermented grain liquor.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): The drink according to claim 13, which is a soda pop, a lemon soda drink, a carbonated fruit drink or a low alcohol drink having an alcohol content of 12% or less.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The drink according to claim 13, which is a non-alcohol drink or a low alcohol drink having an alcohol content of 12% or less.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): A method for producing a foam-producing carbon dioxide-containing drink which comprises:

(1) preparing a drink blended with (i) a foaming agent and (ii) a tea leaf extract obtained by water, water/ethanol or ethanol extraction, and wherein said tea extract includes a soluble solid content and is a foam-holding component present in the drink in an amount in which the

soluble solid content of the tea extract is [[of]] 0.01% to 3% by weight relative to the total volume of the drink, and

(2) ~~incorporation~~ incorporating carbon dioxide into the resulting drink.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 23, which further comprises (3) bottling the resulting drink in a closed container.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 24, wherein the internal pressure of carbon dioxide ranges from 0.5 to 3.5 kg/cm² at 20°C.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): A method for increasing the foam-holding property of a foam-producing drink comprising carbon dioxide and a foaming agent:

comprising blending a tea leaf extract containing a soluble solid content obtained by water, water/ethanol or ethanol extraction and increasing the foam-holding property of a foam-producing drink, and wherein the tea extract is a foam-holding component to the drink.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 26, wherein the foam-holding component is blended in an amount in which the soluble solid content of the tea extract is [[of]] 0.01% to 3% by weight relative to the total volume of the drink.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 26, wherein the drink is bottled in a closed container.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 28, wherein the internal pressure of carbon dioxide ranges from 0.5 to 3.5 kg/cm² at 20°C.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 26, wherein the increase in the foam-holding property provides the drink with a longer foam life and/or a higher foam density as compared with the case where no tea leaf extract is blended.

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 26, wherein the drink further comprises a hop extract.

Claim 32 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 26, wherein the tea leaves are those of black tea, green tea or oolong tea.

Claim 33 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 26, wherein the carbon dioxide-containing drink does not contain any fermented grain liquor.

Claim 34 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 26, wherein the drink is a soda pop, a lemon soda drink, a carbonated fruit drink or a low alcohol drink having an alcohol content of 12% or less.

Claim 35 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 26, wherein the drink is a non-alcohol drink or a low alcohol drink having an alcohol content of 12% or less.